

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY, SPHINX
580 Mount Auburn Street
Cambridge
Middlesex County
Massachusetts

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Middlesex	TOWN OR VICINITY Cambridge
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY, SPHINX		HABS NO. MA-1216-B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 580 Mount Auburn Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1872 (carved on sphinx)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Martin Milmore, sculptor	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A monument to the causes and victory of the Civil War, the inscription reads, "American Union Preserved, African slavery destroyed by the uprising of a great people by the blood of fallen heros. An interesting and unique piece of sculpture, it is among the many*		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Egyptian Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) granite		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) rectangular base with sphinx statue atop, approximately 13 ft. high		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE inscription and carved egyptian style sphinx (cat-like body, human face with and Egyptian head dress).		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition, memorial statue		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE *monuments fashioned out of various types of stone. In style, the tombs, statuary, obelisks and headstones found at Mount Auburn reflect the architectural and decorative motifs characterists of the period.		
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